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# Happy New Year!

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### Pass luring homeowners, shops

BY ED LEPOMA

Pass Christian enters the new year in fine financial shape and amid signs that it will attract more commercial and residential development.

While the city prides itself on maintaining its quiet and scenic beauty, Mayor Billy McDonald feels the low crime rate, the city's good schools and its proximity to gambling casinos and to New Orleans will combine to make the quaint city more attractive to home-

owners and retailers.

That translates into more money going into city coffers, and McDonald said Pass Christian is already seeing results of downtown renovation and new housing starts.

"We're in the best shape financially that we've been in for years," said McDonald. He reports the city ended the fiscal year last September with a \$438,000 surplus in the general fund, and by year's end that had grown to \$970,000. That's

a far cry from when McDonald took office more than two years ago and city finances were under the watchful eye of state auditors because of its low cash flow and its bonded indebtedness.

"And, we've managed to pave streets, continue harbor improvements, do some drainage and sewerage work and maintain basic services," said McDonald.

He credits the help of Harrison County Board of Super-

visors and particularly, Supervisor David LaRosa and the city's legislative delegation for landing county and state funds to supplement the city's available funds.

McDonald said the city was able to provide four percent pay raises for its 87 full-time workers, while actually lowering taxes by 2.7 percent. However, a \$10.1 million bond issue passed to build a new high school and make other improvements to existing schools

resulted in a tax hike for residents living inside the city and in the unincorporated areas of Harrison County.

The city was also able to hire four new firefighters, open two new ballparks, and has set aside \$60,000 this fiscal year for an office and storage area for the city's Recreation Director. Many city buildings are being made handicapped accessible.

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### Openings highlight year in Bay St. Louis

BY MARY G. SIELEY

Bay St. Louis city leaders shovelled away from the 1997 table with several big projects still on the platter.

But during the year, the municipality pulled three major endeavors through the design and construction stage, snipping the ribbon on multi-million dollar capital improvements.

Area citizens saw grand openings for a new Senior Citizens Center, a restored historic depot, and a new sports complex, all funded through city and federal tax dollars.

The Senior Citizens Center, a modern one-story facility near the run-down former L&N Depot—a project that had been painstakingly completed under the watchful eye, and tough regulations, of federal and state historic preservation and transportation officials.

And for sports enthusiasts and their children, the city opened the gates to a new seven-field athletic complex, as the City Hall administration disposed of the former Parks and Playgrounds Commission and created a new city department for Recreation and Cultural activities.

Completion of those three major projects hardly left city officials with an open agenda, however.

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#### Highway 90 accident

A truck driver escaped serious injury after his rig overturned on Highway 90 on Monday. Officers said a car apparently cut in front of the truck, forcing him to slam on the brakes to avoid an accident. The truck skidded and eventually came to rest upside down in a ditch. The driver was treated and released at Hancock Medical center. (Echo staff photo by Richard Meek)

### Shoreline Park sewerage funds to exceed \$2.1M

BY ED LEPOMA

At least two sources have confirmed that Hancock County's Wastewater District 1 has received more than \$2.1 million in federal funds to extend sewerage lines into more areas of Shoreline Park.

Official word came in the

form of a letter sent Dec. 24 to the District by George E. Irvin Sr., state director of the U.S. Agriculture Department's Rural Development Administration.

Irvin said a Rural Utilities Services loan of \$558,600 and a grant of \$1,555,600 have been

approved to extend the sewerage system to approximately 380 more homes in Shoreline Park.

The loan would be repayable at a low interest rate of 4.5 percent over the next 35 years,

SEWERAGE—PAGE 16

### HMC awaiting word on further expansion

Hancock Medical Center is awaiting approval for a state-required Certificate of Need (CON) to add an additional 38 beds in 1998. If approved, the private rooms will occupy the second floor of a 49,00-square-foot expansion scheduled for completion in mid-1998, according to Administrator Hal W. Leftwich.

Continued record volume at the 66-bed not-for-profit facility prompted the new construction, he said. The state requires that a hospital average greater than 70 percent daily census for a period of 24 months to request additional beds.

HMC has reached full capacity many times in recent months, forcing some patients to seek medical care elsewhere, said Leftwich.

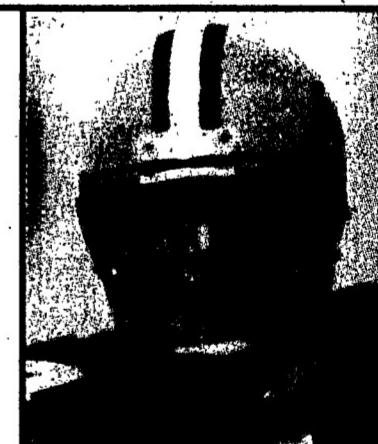
The hospital's application will be considered in January 1998, according to state officials. If approved, approximately \$3 million will be added to the expansion project, which would total \$9.25 million.

The focus of the new two-story wing is a women's and children's pavilion that will have 10 private rooms, four labor/delivery/recovery suites and a new delivery room, as well as a 10-bassinet nursery and nursing station. The large lobby will offer a much needed waiting room for expectant fathers and family members.

In addition, the expansion will have five dedicated pediatric rooms and a play area. Six new beds will comprise a stepdown unit, where patients who are released from the in-

#### Co-MVP

Hancock County native and Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre and Detroit running back Barry Sanders were named NFL Co-MVPS. For a complete story, turn to page 9.



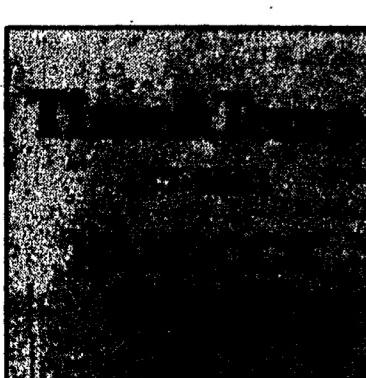
#### HMC expansion continuing

A major expansion at Hancock Medical Center is well underway. The hospital is awaiting approval for a Certificate of Need to add an additional 38 beds in the upcoming year. Record volume prompted the new construction. (Echo staff photo by Richard Meek)



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**OBITUARIES**

**ROBERT MESHELL SR.**  
**FRANCES L. NECAISE**  
**HERBERT NEWMAN JR.**  
**BRENDA G. PICARD**  
**IONA WAINWRIGHT**

**ROBERT MESHELL SR.**

Robert Paul Meshell Sr., 88, of Houston, Texas, died Monday, Dec. 28, 1997, in Houston.

Arrangements are incomplete at Riemann's Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

**FRANCES L. NECAISE**

Mrs. Frances L. Necaise, 68, of Kiln, died Sunday, Dec. 28, 1997, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Necaise was a native of Prichard, Ala., and a longtime resident of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. She was a member of Shifalo Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ray Necaise; two sons, Wesley A. Calix and William A. Calix; and a brother, Ruda Lewis.

Survivors include a son, Richard Calix of Kiln; four daughters, Carmen Finegan of Bay St. Louis, Mary I. Ramirez of San Antonio, Texas, Norma Madner and Vickie Quintini, both of Kiln; and a brother, Frank Lewis of Kiln; and 12 grandchildren.

Visitation was Tuesday at Riemann Funeral home in Bay St. Louis. Graveside services were conducted Wednesday in Bayou Coco Cemetery in Kiln.

Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

**HERBERT NEWMAN JR.**

Mr. Herbert "Brother" New-

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Thoughts for meditation:  
 This is the day the Lord hath made; be glad, give thanks, rejoice, stand in His presence, unafraid, in praise lift up your voice. All perfect gifts are from above and all blessings show the amplitude of God's dear love which every heart may know.

—Laura Lee Randal  
 Sometimes, Father, frigid winter blankets my spirits. Gray days become a harsh and heavy burden, and then remember how You promised Noah shelter in such a sad time. And have a hard and night, cold and heat as long as the earth shall live. Help me to understand the barren and difficult times are not a curse, but part of a blessing — Your wonderful everchanging gift: life.

—Guideposts  
 Watch for good times to treat into yourself. Frequently meditate on how good God is to you.

—T. A. Kempis

The hours fly by, and I am always in a rush; so many duties and relationships to tend to, Lord. Help me find the time to meditate on the most important relationship of all, my relationship with You. Amen.

No one knows what this next year will bring, but one thing is sure: He will be with us and He is enough for every difficulty that may arise.

—Amy Carmichael

Do not be afraid or terrified, for the Lord your God goes with you. He will never forsake you.

Deuteronomy 31:6

Lord, as the old year closes, help me take time to examine the relationships in my life. Are they in good repair? I give You control of this new year, and now I may grow more like You with each passing day.

man Jr., 56, of Biloxi, died Monday, Dec. 29, 1997, in Biloxi.

Mr. Newman was a lifelong member of the community and was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 1244. He was a member of St. Louis Catholic Church where he was a past member of the Parish Council. He was a Navy veteran and a celebrity host at the Lady Luck Casino.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herbert G. Newman and Elenora Desporte Newman.

Survivors include his wife, Anna Ivanowski Newman of Biloxi; a daughter, Sharon Galle of Forest Hill, La.; two sons, Herbert G. "Herbie" Newman III of Bay St. Louis and Nicholas Jon "Nick" Newman of Biloxi; three sisters, Verma Gomila, Yvonne Braun and Connie Keegan, all of Biloxi; a brother, Perry Newman of Biloxi; and a granddaughter, Emily Hope Newman of Bay St. Louis.

Visitation will be today from 6-9 p.m. with recitation of the rosary at 7 p.m. at Howard Avenue Chapel of Bradford O'Keefe Funeral Homes in Biloxi. At 9:45 a.m. Friday, Jan. 2, a procession will leave the funeral home for a 10 a.m. church service at St. Louis Catholic Church in Biloxi. Burial will be in Biloxi City Cemetery.

**BRENDA G. PICARD**  
 Brenda Galloway Picard, 54, of Biloxi, died Friday, Dec. 26, 1997, in Biloxi.

Mrs. Picard was born in Biloxi and had been a lifelong resident of the Coast. She was a pro-

duction worker for Sterling Drug Co. in Gulfport. She was a long-time member of Pass Road Baptist Church in Gulfport.

She was preceded in death by her father, C. D. Galloway Jr.

Survivors include her husband, Gilbert J. Picard of Biloxi; her mother, Nanny Ruth Walsh of Biloxi; her stepmother, Amy Butcher Galloway of Las Cruces, N.M.; four daughters, Ashley Picard and Dawn Russell, both of Biloxi, Lynette Curran Garriga of Pass Christian and Barry Cuevas of Charlotte, N.C.; a brother, Delbert Glen Galloway of Biloxi; and four grandchildren.

Visitation was Sunday evening at Riemann Memorial Funeral Home in Gulfport. Services were conducted Monday at Pass Road Baptist Church. Burial was in Floral Hills Memorial Gardens in Gulfport.

**IONA WAINWRIGHT**

Iona Inez Sones Wainwright, 88, of Waveland, died Monday, Dec. 29, 1997, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Wainwright was a native and lifelong resident of Hancock County. She was an avid artist and also crocheted and quilted. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

She was preceded in death by

**In Memoriam**

**In Loving Memory of**  
**R. J. ASHER**

A friend like you deserves to be remembered the whole year through, and believe me, I often think of you.

Linda

her parents, Andrew Jesse and Lorena Cuevas Sones; and two brothers, Floyd Francis Sones and Earl Anthony Sones.

Survivors include her husband, David H. Wainwright of Waveland.

Visitation was Wednesday evening at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Services will be conducted today at 10 a.m. at the church. Burial will be in Bayou LaCroix Cemetery.

Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

**In Memoriam**

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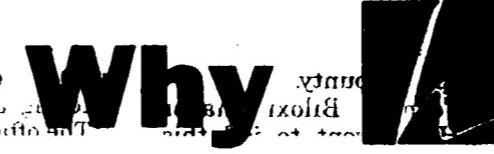
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# Pearl shootings top state stories

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Mergers and acquisitions, court fights and murders dominated news reports in Mississippi in 1997.

But it was a campus shooting spree that left two Pearl High School students dead and seven others wounded and stunned America that was Mississippi's top news story for the year.

Also dominating the news were Mississippi Attorney General Mike Moore's \$3.6 billion settlement of a high-profile lawsuit against tobacco companies, Jackson-based WorldCom's bold \$37 billion purchase of its larger long-distance telephone rival MCI, and the purchase of Deposit Guaranty National Bank by First American Bank of Nashville, Tenn.

The state's top news stories are annually selected by the Mississippi staff of The Associated Press and its member news organizations.

Mississippi journalists were kept busy in 1997 with hundreds of stories that ranged from the mirthful to the mournful.

Lemuel Boyer of Hattiesburg ended up out of work in September. He didn't need a job after winning a \$25 million Powerball lottery jackpot. The 44-year-old plant worker bought the winning ticket on his way home from work in LaPlace, La.

In Oxford, the city and the family of William Faulkner squabbled over the location of a statue honoring the celebrated author.

In January, Horace Fleming Jr. was inaugurated as the new president of the University of Southern Mississippi, succeeding Aubrey Lucas.

Mississippi State University President Donald Zacharias announced in March that he had been battling multiple sclerosis for years and was stepping down as MSU president at the end of the year. Malcolm "Mack" Portera, a former University of Alabama administrator and president of a company that specializes in economic development projects, will succeed him effective Jan. 1.

Alumni and supporters of Jackson State University raised more than \$146,000 to satisfy a demand by state Auditor Phil Bryant. Bryant had ordered the university to reimburse the state for lost equipment.

And state Superintendent of Education Tom Burnham announced his resignation effective Dec. 31 to become executive director of the Gulf Coast Education Initiative.

On the sadder side, former Republican National Committee official Evelyn McPhail was critically injured in a May 19 traffic accident in Jasper County.

A doctor at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Jackson, pulmonary specialist Ralph Carter, was shot to death in February by a patient being treated for mental problems.

And Aaron E. Henry, a former state legislator and civil rights pioneer known for his unflagging efforts in fighting for racial justice in Mississippi, died in May at age 74. Henry led voter registration drives, boycotts and sit-ins as head of the state NAACP for 33 years.

But those stories were not ranked among the Associated Press Top 10 news stories for 1997. The overwhelming choice for the number one story was the Pearl school shooting.

Luke Woodham, a 16-year-old high school junior, was charged with murder in the Oct. 7 incident. Law enforcement officials said he walked into a popular campus gathering spot just before classes were to begin, pulled a rifle and began firing. Panic-stricken students dove for cover.

Police said he stabbed his mother to death at their home before moving on to the school.

Nearly a week later, five other teens were charged with conspiracy after authorities said they uncovered a plot to kill students over a 10-month period.

All but Woodham have been released on bond.

"This whole thing is a tragic situation and it has rocked our community," Police Chief Bill Slade said after the incident.

One of the lawyers representing Woodham has said he fears his client will be unable to receive a fair trial in the courts of Rankin County.

"All the things that have been put out are inflammatory," attorney Eric Tiebauer of Waynesboro said.

He said news reports "first portrayed Luke as a poor, picked on, abused victim of society."

But he said because of media reports, local residents have come to believe that Woodham is a "monster."

"It's gone in a circle and it just keeps escalating," he said.

Other stories in the Top 10 and their ranking were:

2)-The July settlement of the state's 3-year-old lawsuit against the nation's cigarette manufacturers.

Moore, in his third term as attorney general, sued the companies in 1994 to recoup government money spent treating people with tobacco-related illnesses. The out-of-court settlement in the state case guarantees Mississippi \$3.366 billion over 25 years. A national settlement is also being debated in Washington.

Moore was catapulted to national prominence during the legal struggle but he was at odds over the issue with Gov. Kirk Fordice, who opposed the lawsuit.

State officials are now trying to decide how to spend the money. The first payment of \$170 million already has been paid, but legal fees to private lawyers who assisted with the lawsuit are yet to be determined.

3)-WorldCom's announcement in November that it had beaten out the giants of the telecommunications industry to win a takeover battle for MCI with a \$37 billion deal. It is the biggest corporate merger in U.S. history and is subject to approval by regulators.

MCI already was the nation's second-largest long-distance company, behind AT&T, and the merged company would remain so. WorldCom was the fourth biggest.

Bernie Ebbers, a Canadian who came to Mississippi on a basketball scholarship, was a coach before investing in several businesses, including a small long-distance company called LDDS, which became WorldCom in 1995.

The Jackson, Miss.-based company, with 13,000 employees, has expanded through more than 40 acquisitions over the past decade.

4)-Deposit Guaranty Corp., Mississippi's largest bank holding company, was acquired in early December after spurning an unsolicited offer from an unnamed bank. The deal should be final next year.

Jackson-based Deposit Guaranty negotiated a deal worth \$2.7 billion.

Banking analysts said Deposit Guaranty's acquisition could prompt more bank buying proposals in Mississippi.

In fact, Birmingham, Ala.-based SouthTrust, the Southeast's sixth largest banking company, is considering buying another bank or opening a new office to move into the Jackson market, officials say.

The \$30 billion bank could enter the Jackson area as early next year, said Bill Buckner, executive vice president of SouthTrust's Biloxi operations.

The bank currently has eight branches in Jefferson and Harrison counties. SouthTrust has nearly 600 offices in seven southeastern states.

Union Planters National Bank's takeover of the parent company of Magnolia Federal Bank for Savings also was in

the news.

The consolidation took effect in November and left Memphis, Tenn.-based Union Planters with 130 branches in Mississippi and Alabama.

The \$494 million acquisition created the third-largest banking institution in Mississippi behind Deposit Guaranty and Jackson-based Trustmark National Bank.

5)-The state Supreme Court ruled Monday that white supremacist Byron De La Beckwith was fairly convicted in his third trial, which came more than three decades after he was first accused in the slaying of civil rights leader Medgar Evers.

A sniper killed Evers, field secretary for the Mississippi NAACP, in his driveway on June 12, 1963.

The ailing Beckwith, now 77, was tried twice in 1964, but both all-white juries deadlocked. Beckwith, a fertilizer salesman, claimed he was 90 miles away at the time, but his fingerprint was found on the scope of a rifle believed to be the murder weapon.

A jury of eight blacks and four whites convicted him in 1994 after the case was resurrected.

6)-In Mendenhall, a judge ruled in July that a jury can hear statements made by a man accused of killing two Jefferson Davis sheriff's deputies in February.

Authorities said 21-year-old Eric Snow, admitted shooting the deputies on Feb. 21.

Snow pleaded innocent in April to two counts of capital murder and one count of escape.

He and a female prisoner were in the back seat of a police cruiser when deputies Tommy Bourne, 40, and J.P. Rutland, 53, both of Prentiss, were shot from behind with .357 Magnum pistol.

Snow fled from the deputies' car after the shooting and was caught about nine hours later near Mendenhall in Warren County.

Pete Hanaf went to jail this month to begin serving an 18-year prison sentence after July conviction. He was accused of participating in a conspiracy whose members arranged the 1987 murders of his friends and prominent Biloxi residents Vincent and Margaret Sherry.

8)-Mississippi lawmakers early this year adopted the Adequate Education Act, a \$130.5 million plan to improve the state's schools. It would raise Mississippi from 50th to 49th in the nation in the amount of money it spends per pupil.

The plan survived a veto by Gov. Kirk Fordice.

Critics predict it will bust the state's economy, while supporters who call it the last, best hope for Mississippi's future.

9)-On July 7, Harvey Johnson was sworn in as mayor of Jackson, becoming the first black leader Mississippi's capital and largest city.

During a ceremony on the steps of a plantation-style City Hall built by slaves, Johnson promised to remember the civil rights struggles that set the stage for his victory.

Johnson, a government planner and former member of the state Tax Commission, pledged to crack down on crime with better pay for law officers, more education in schools and improved communication.

10)-On Dec. 17, a Hinds County judge ordered the state Gaming Commission to approve a casino site on the Big Black River in Warren County. The ruling came in a lawsuit filed by E.L. Pennebaker, who owns the property in Warren County on which the casino and racetrack would be built. Circuit Judge

Brelan Hilburn also ruled the Gaming Commission should approve a gambling license for Horseshoe Gaming Inc., which planned the casino and resort.

Gaming Commission members announced they would appeal.

The case pitted the Gaming Commission, city of Vicksburg and casinos in the Mississippi River city against Pennebaker

and Multi Gaming Management/Horseshoe Gaming. The casino company picked the site on the Big Black River, which branches off from the Mississippi River, but the state Gaming Commission ruled a year ago it was unsuitable. Casinos in Vicksburg opposed the proposed project, which would have included a NASCAR race track, because it would be closer to the populous Jackson area in east Warren County.

Horseshoe officials claimed the project could have drawn more visitors to Warren County and financially benefited the four casinos in Vicksburg.

Endocrinologist Dr. Leana Tandron will discuss Hypothyroidism in Adults, a disorder that occurs in both men and women but is prevalent among women, particularly in the 40 to 50 year age bracket. Hypothyroidism is caused by an underactive thyroid gland and symptoms can progress slowly, taking months or years to develop. Thyroid hormones affect almost every organ system in the body, including the heart. Dr. Tandron will discuss signs, symptoms and treatments on Thursday,

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- Eating less food but still gaining weight



## Man arrested for carrying shotgun

A man carrying a shotgun in a Waveland apartment was arrested on Sunday and is being held without bail in the Hancock County Justice Facility.

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Snow fled from the deputies' car after the shooting and was caught about nine hours later near Mendenhall in Warren County.

The officer, according to Varnell, knocked on the door and questioned Mixon. It was then the officer discovered Mixon was on probation and placed the suspect under arrest.

Varnell said the shotgun is believed to be a stolen weapon from a burglary in Hancock County in December.

Dr. David Slagle, ophthalmologist, will present a very informative seminar on eyes, covering different conditions, symptoms, prevention and treatment. Free eye screening for glaucoma and visual acuity will also be offered. Join us for this important seminar on

Thursday, January 29 in NSRMC's Main Dining Room at 7 p.m.

A TSH blood test, given to detect an abnormal thyroid, will be offered for \$10. The screenings begin at 6 p.m.

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## "CUEVAS' QUOTES"

By Ellis C. Cuevas

They say three times is a "charm," and Kiln native Brett Favre of the Green Bay Packers has earned an unprecedented third straight *NFL Most Valuable Player Award* in a tie for the honors with Barry Sanders of the Detroit Lions.

Both Favre and Sanders received 18 votes each from a nationwide panel of 48 sportswriters and broadcasters.

Brett has put the Kiln/Fenton area on the national map, as Packer fans are still coming to his town.

Brett and the Packers will play host to the Tampa Bucks on Sunday in NFL play-off action.

Hancock County and south Mississippi "Packer Backers" will be huddled in front of their television sets cheering on the Pack to another victory which will move them closer to another Super Bowl.

In 1997 Favre led the league in passing touchdowns, 35, and was second in yards passing, 3,867, for a third great season as the leader of the Pack.

Sanders, who had a great season as running back for the Detroit Lyons, racked up 2,053 yards rushing, only the third player in history to go over 2,000 yards in a season. He also set a record of 14 straight games of 100 yards or more rushing.

It was interesting reading and hearing the comments made by both Favre and Sanders about each other. Both showed tremendous respect for each other.

This was only the second time in history the *Most Valuable Player Award* was received by two NFL players in the same year. In 1960 Philadelphia quarterback Norman Van Brocklin and Detroit Lions linebacker Joe Schmidt shared the award.

Sanders' play for 1997 was ended last weekend as Detroit was defeated in play-off action.

Congratulations to Brett Favre for doing something no one has ever done before three times in a row, the NFL's *Most Valuable Player*.

Many of us in Hancock County and south Mississippi are pulling for the Packers to repeat as Super Bowl champs.

It will take me a few days to get used to writing 1998 just as it will probably take other folks.

We are in constant use of dates at the newspaper, as well as our personal check writing, etc.

I am sure there will be several checks written with 1997 by folks who forgot that it is now 1998. What I do is write in the year for a number of checks to begin a new year.

I wish each and everyone a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

The Christmas trees are coming down in many homes, and I have already seen several on the banquets (that's sidewalks for foreigners) awaiting someone to collect them.

Through the efforts of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce and others, such as Mississippi Power Company, Asplundh Tree Experts, the Hancock County Board of Supervisors and others, there is an opportunity to have your Christmas tree recycled.

This serves a two-fold purpose, first it helps save landfill space, a valuable commodity in our county, and also the ground-up trees can be used for mulch around trees and shrubs.

You are asked to take your discarded tree (please remove lights, ornaments and tinsel) to the roped-off area at the Civic Center on Longfellow Road through Jan. 10.

As you know, the Chamber of Commerce's beautification and environmental committees urge everyone to reduce, reuse and recycle as much as possible.

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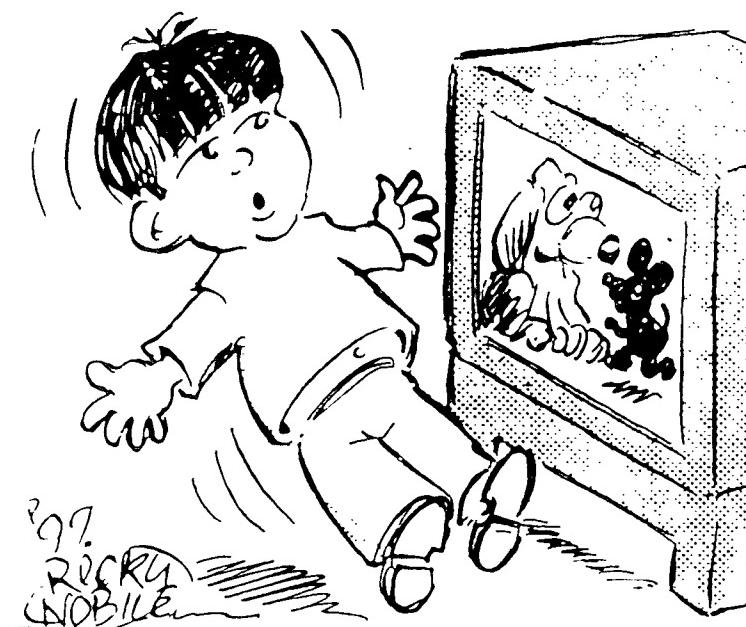
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## JAPANESE CHILDREN HAD SEIZURES FROM WATCHING CARTOONS ON T.V.



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### New chamber head

Hancock County Chamber of Commerce President Jon E. Ritten, right, is congratulated by Dr. Frank Conaway Jr., outgoing president, at the recent chamber's annual installation of officers and Christmas banquet.



### Citizen of the Year

Hancock County Chamber of Commerce outgoing president Dr. Frank Conaway Jr., left, presents the Hancock County 1997 Citizen of the Year Award to Donald W. Dibol. Dibol, a resident of Bay St. Louis, was recognized for many contributions to the community. Danielle Lind also received the chamber's 1997 Miss Chamber Award. (Echo staff photos by Richard Meek)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Blame for higher taxes should not be placed on elected officials

Dear Editor:

Hippocrates would be critical (first, do no harm) of letters to the editor by Dr. W. McFarland complaining of the increase in our property taxes.

Dr. McFarland, along with members of Bay St. Louis Community Association and Noonie Debarleben's Friends of Isle and Point, have done everything in their power to prevent the citizens of Hancock County from receiving lower taxes.

That's right, they have prevented us from having our taxes lowered. He and they have consistently used every trick imaginable to prevent the placement of industries. (Apartments, B&Bs, casinos, etc.) in Hancock County that would lower our property tax burden.

It is the law that our taxes would be lowered every year by one mill from the revenue derived from casinos located within Hancock County.

Bay St. Louis had its millage reduced because of tax revenue

from Casino Magic. Harrison County gets tons of tax revenue from their casinos.

Look where the people live who consistently object to casinos reducing the tax burden in Hancock County. Citizens of Hancock County should place the blame where it belongs for higher taxes.

The blame is not on our elected officials, but on a small group of selfish people who have used the legal system to deny the citizens of Hancock County the benefits of their lawful democratic vote.

Citizens should know the denial of our tax decrease only cost Dr. McFarland and compadres \$100 in court filing fees.

Know who these people are, citizens of Hancock County, and let them know how you feel about what they have done to you. Truly, Hippocrates would be critical.

Sincerely,  
Jim Maness  
Lakeshore

## REPORT FROM THE CAPITOL

By Lt. Governor Ronnie Musgrove

### Musgrove supports Constitutional Amendment to protect victims' rights

"One of the basic functions of any government is to protect the people it serves. We have written into our constitution various protections for those accused of crimes. We have not, however, written into our constitution basic protections for the victims of crime."

"Over the past decade, 29 states have passed constitutional amendments designed to protect victims' rights. During the 1998 Legislative Session, Mississippi will begin the process of becoming the 30th state to do so."

"Most of us know victims of crime in our own communities. Tragically, we can all bring to mind the senseless acts of violence and crime in our neighborhoods, on the streets and in our homes, on our school campuses and in our churches."

"Victims of crime in Mississippi need to know that they are not alone. We know crime victims should be treated with dignity and respect. We know crime victims should be present during public hearings. That's why we're here today — to offer our support for a Victims' Rights Amendment of Mississippi's Constitution."

"While certain victims' rights are already a part of Mississippi state law, we believe the protection of these rights warrants an amendment to our constitution and a re-examination of what we are doing by law to protect the rights of victims and their families in Mississippi's criminal justice system."

"At such joyous times of the year, it seems all the more unfortunate that we must pause to talk about crime in our state. But, criminals don't take a vacation, and crime victims don't forget just because of the holidays. At this time of year when we sing of peace on earth, let us do what we can to restore peace of mind for Mississippi's victims of crime."

"We look forward to working with representatives of the criminal justice system, those who represent the victims in our state, the Mississippi House and other elected officials in our effort to protect victims' rights in our state," Lt. Gov. Musgrove said.



We hope the message of love and the true spirit of the season makes its way into each heart in every land.

The Staff of

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## IN AND AROUND DIAMONDHEAD

By Margaret Williamson

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The Diamondhead AARP's first meeting in 1998 is Tuesday at 3 p.m. at the Community Center.

Guest speaker will be Jerry Curtin of J & M Lube & Auto Center on Aloha Drive. He will advise on the maintenance of automobiles.

Due for the year at \$8 a couple and \$4 single may be paid at the meeting or sent to Frank Jaumont, 7549 Mahalo Hui Drive.

Refreshments and blood pressure checks after the meeting.

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**DON'T FORGET**

The Diamondhead Women's Club's first meeting is Wednesday, Jan. 7 at 10 a.m. at Robert's Food and Spirits where you can have lunch following the meeting, no reservations required.

Of interest will be fund-raising plans for the coming year, an interior decorator presents exciting new ideas for the home, Mardi Gras parade entry plans will be revealed, and the Women's Club queen will be identified.

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**VERY SPECIAL GATHERING**

The women of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Diamond-

The Women of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Diamondhead invite Gulf Coast residents to attend "The Story of The Other Wise Man" presented in words and music Monday, Jan. 5 at 11 a.m. at the church.

There is no charge for the program. St. Thomas Episcopal Church is at 5303 Diamondhead Circle at the main entrance to Diamondhead.

Genevieve Munson Trimble of New Orleans, creator and narrator of the program, has created and performed in many such programs in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. She is a published writer and dedicated civic worker and has received numerous local and national awards. She chaired the opening of Lord and Taylor at the New Orleans Center as a benefit for New Orleans' City Park's Botanical Gardens.

For her work on the restoration of the Botanical Gardens in City Park and her restoration of the gardens at Afton Villa, a home she and her husband own in St. Francisville, La., she recently went to Philadelphia to accept the lifetime achievement award from the Garden Club of America.

Trimble is the first Louisiana to win the award. Past winners include orchid collector Mrs. William duPont, land-

scape designer Beatrix Ferrand and endangered-plant advocate Pamela Copeland. The award included a grant of \$20,000 to help pay for the restoration of New Orleans City Park's Botanical Garden lath house. The project, chaired by Trimble, will put the building to use as a plant workshop for children and adults.

Susan Dorris Carswell of

Parents-to-be seminars

Slidell Memorial Hospital and Medical Center is offering several seminars full of helpful information for parents expecting the arrival of their new baby:

**Our New Baby:**

Jan. 11, 3:30 p.m., free, in MH Medical Office Building Conference Rooms C & D. The class prepares children, ages 9 for their mother's upcoming hospital stay and for the arrival of their new sibling. Pre-registration is requested. Call 6-0044.

**Breastfeeding Clinic:**

Jan. 29, 7 p.m., free at the MH Women's Resource Suite. An informal discussion of the vantages of breastfeeding includes information on how to start, prevent problems and what to expect those first few weeks. Husbands and grandparents are welcome. Call 6-0044 to register.

**Prenatal Exercise:**

This fitness crib course was designed and implemented with strict adherence to the guidelines published by the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Individual attention and supervision are given by individuals with an in-depth knowledge of exercise and its effects. For more information or to register 646-0044.

**Adventures Into Parenthood — Preparation for Birth and Parenting:**

Designed for the woman who at least six months pregnant, a four-session class offers information on prenatal testing, danger signs, common com-

Starting off the new year

Episcopal Church.

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**NEW FACES**

Dr. Michael Anderson, his wife Karen and their staff send out a warm welcome and will be honored that you place your trust in them to care for your pets. They are located in the Animal Hospital of Diamondhead at 101 D Lineoak Drive.

There is no charge, and everyone is welcome.

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Susan Dorris Carswell of Mandeville is a well known sacred music soloist. She has toured Europe with the St. Louis Cathedral Choir and sang for the Pope in Rome.

Nell Winston Saussey of New Orleans is the pianist and has performed in theater, concerts, Loyola and Tulane universities productions.

It is with such privilege that a program of this quality and beauty is being offered in Diamondhead and to the surrounding areas.

Please mark your calendars for Monday, Jan. 5, 11 a.m. at Diamondhead's St. Thomas

Episcopal Church.

My blessings and thoughts to you for a happy and healthy new year.

No one will ever get out of this world alive, so resolve therefore to maintain a reasonable sense of values.

Take care of yourself. Good health is everyone's major source of wealth. Without it, happiness is almost impossible.

Be cheerful, helpful and kind. People will repay you for it.

Avoid angry abrasive persons. They are generally vengeful.

Avoid zealots and bigots. They are generally humorless.

Resolve to listen more and to talk less. No one ever learns anything by talking.

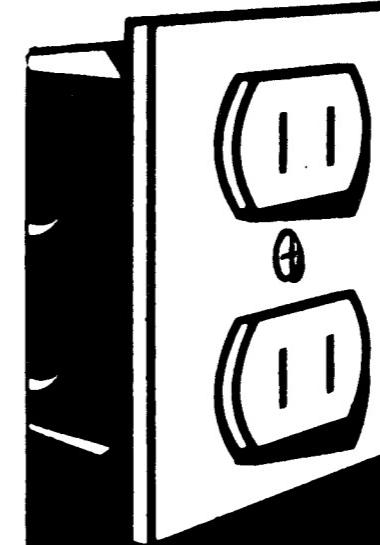
Be wary of giving advice, wise men don't need it, and fools don't heed it.

Do not equate money with success. There are many suc-

cessful money makers who are miserable failures as human beings.

What counts most about success is how a person achieves it.

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## Firemen pre-plan rescue and protection plans

At 9 a.m. Nov. 20, the emergency call came to the Bay Fire Department that Notre Dame de La Mar senior independent living center was on fire. Fortunately it was only a drill, but local firemen performed with the intensity of fighting a real fire, evacuating seniors unable to manage exterior fire stairs quickly, rescuing wheelchair-bound residents, securing the four-story building.

Within 12 minutes the building was evacuated and firefighters carried out their fire-fighting activities.

Notre Dame's new manager, Michele Tine and new Fire Chief Robert Gavagnie were both alert in watching their charge, Tine making sure that floor captains had taken roll and that all residents were evacuated, and the Chief watching

his force react to the planned, secret scenario.

While not perfect for either group, it was successful in discovering problems that can be solved as a result of the drill, such as where the key bag is located and the two alternative ways the firemen will secure the keys in the event a fire does occur.

Firemen discovered the need for a "donut" (a roll of extra hose) to adequately reach areas of one of the higher floors.

Many of the problems were outlined following the drill in the after-event critique led by Training Officer Mike Willumitis, designer of the scenario. Lt. Louis Prendergast was shift leader and in charge of deploying the men and equipment to the scene, arranging for mutual aid from two other departments that can help supplement the

local department's capabilities, requesting EMS assistance and running the scene through to its conclusion, even dealing with persistent and annoying press.

"No free-lancing, you are a professional team," Willumitis reminded all three shifts of the department participating in the event.

The critique was an opportunity for all of the firefighters to comment on what they could do to perform better and faster in responding to the needs presented by the building.

Firefighter Monty Strong was able to share many of the newer techniques for high-rise firefighting learned during his recent attendance at the State Fire Academy. It was a baptism event for the three new recruits, Jeff Staggs, Rezeese Brunelle and Clint Parker.

"We currently have 61 residents and they responded very well to the drill. We work all the time to keep our residents prepared with their important needs in one location so that if such a fire would occur they compensate for slower walking by being prepared with their robe, shoes and medicines. They know that fire doesn't look at a clock or study the weather channel when it decides to strike. We're very happy with this opportunity to work with the fire department," said Tine.

"It was good to have some excitement. I wish we had our designated 'safe spot' where we could see what they were doing." "I wish we had a drill every three months to keep the new residents informed of what we do," said some of the Notre Dame residents.

"Our department responded well to this drill. New pre-plans for all buildings that may present a serious loss of life potential are being designed and will be practiced.

We're sticking to our goal of being the home of the Silent Siren, but when the siren blows we want Bay St. Louis to know that we are prepared to respond quickly and competently to handle any situation," said Gavagnie.

Being prepared to deploy the firefighters to another site if a real fire had occurred was Tammy Garber, day shift dispatcher for the department, who held down the station while everyone was on the drill site.

"I was in radio contact with the Chief and his assistants so we could have responded immediately if an emergency had occurred," Garber explained.

If a real fire had occurred, the police department would have set up the perimeter, redirected traffic, assisted at the command post, provided crowd control and assisted with evacuating the residents to another site, if necessary.

"Everything successful in Bay St. Louis is a team effort. The fire department depends on Public Works to have water



New firemen

New Bay St. Louis firefighters, from left, Jeff Staggs, Clint Parker and Rezeese Brunelle take in their first training exercise review with the Bay St. Louis Department. "We're happy to welcome three experienced and energetic new firefighters to our staff," said Chief Robert Gavagnie. (Photo by Jimmy Loiacano)

## UM announces summer college designed for high schoolers

Project PACE pushed the envelope of achievement for LeHerman Payton.

"The program stressed excellence in academics and life. The 'pace' was incredible, but it demanded that we put forth a supreme effort not just to do well but to excel," said Payton, referring to Project PACE (Promoting Academic and Creative Excellence), now in its 18th year at the University of Mississippi.

Geared toward rising seniors, the program is designed to challenge gifted high school students by allowing them to take two college courses for credit and participate in a variety of activities.

Payton is one reason PACE, now a part of Summer College for High School Students, survived its first year. When the future of the then two-week summer pilot program was in question, Payton wrote a letter to administrators signing its praises.

"It (PACE) gave the participants the opportunity to compete with other students who were similarly gifted. This competition taught us that the ultimate challenge comes from within," said Payton, now a senior graphic designer and network coordinator in the university publications department.

Not only did the program survive, it has been expanded to include music and art institutes under the umbrella of Summer College for High School Students. It runs concurrently with Ole Miss' two-month-long summer school sessions.

"Project PACE serves as an opportunity for us to preview

music and art institutes will be held for students who are gifted in the arts. "We want to recognize the arts and offer an intensive program for those who are more artistically inclined. Gifted students so often have an interest in so many different things," Murchison said.

Lake PACE applicants, art and music applicants must submit a transcript, standardized test scores and a written statement. Art applicants also will be judged on a portfolio, while music applicants must submit an audition tape. All Summer College participants must get permission for easily college admission from their high school administrators.

Students will be housed in university residence halls, with Honors College students serving as chaperones. Activities include visits to the University Museums and Teleproductions Resource Center, use of the library and Turner Complex, and participation in a host of exhibits and summer concerts.

Participants also will enjoy cookouts, outings to Sardis Lake and an intramural volleyball tournament led by Dr. Michael Dupper, assistant director of the Summer College.

Elizabeth Prokes remembers the best part of attending PACE in the summer of 1990: "When I went back to high school, I was much more disciplined, and I knew how to handle my studies better."

PACE also convinced Prokes to come to Ole Miss. "The classes were so good, I was recruited to the university."

Students are encouraged to apply early for the Summer College. Deadline is March 15.

For information or an application packet, phone (601) 232-7294, write the McDonnell-Barksdale Honors College, The University of Mississippi, MS 38677; or e-mail to [honors@olemiss.edu](mailto:honors@olemiss.edu).

students who might make good applicants for the Honors College," said Dr. Lynne Murchison, director of the Summer College for High School Students and chair of Oxford High School's English Department. "The music and art institutes will be the same for the summer and fall. Art Department. This is the first time this year."

lines working and hydrants clear of tall grass and weeds for easy location and police for site support. We depend on people, like the Notre Dame residents, to cooperate in drills that keep us prepared for quick response to the needs of our citizens. Partnerships and preparedness — the keys to success," said Mayor Eddie Favre.

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#### COURT DATES

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Department of Human Services State of Mississippi vs William Schierholz, defendant found \$5,200 in arrears of child support, withholding ordered.

The estate of Ethel Fannie Christmas, deceased, heirs established.

Department of Human Services State of Mississippi vs Eric D. Thibault, defendant, found \$1,258.57 in arrears of child support; withholding ordered.

Department of Human Services State of Mississippi vs Ricky Mauffray, defendant, found \$13,337 in arrears of child support, withholding ordered.

The estate of Nora Lee Koll Sheehan, deceased, petition to reopen estate granted, erroneous property description corrected.

Department of Human Services State of Mississippi vs Rose M. Arceneaux, defendant, found in arrears of child support, withholding ordered.

Scott Ebrite and Ginger Ebrite vs Daniel T. Rush d/b/a Quality Services and Lot 4, Block 9, Unit 2, Phase 1, Diamondhead, Hancock County, Miss., First National Bank of Picayune, case dismissed.

The estate of Frances Louise M. Walker, deceased, final accounting approved.

The estate of April Ann Taylor, deceased, restraining order dissolved.

The estate of Vera T. Floyd, final accounting approved.

Lisa Lewis Oliver vs Charles Edward Oliver, divorce granted, child custody, support, property settlements filed.

The estate of Lois Ethel Wert, deceased, heirs established.

Walter Roderick Johnson Jr. vs the State of Mississippi, et al., tax title confirmed.

Susan Dale Barnett vs Kevan William Guillory, divorce granted, property settlement filed.

Grant Tingstrom and Nikki Tingstrom vs G. A. Schmidt, the State of Mississippi, and any and all persons having or claiming a legal or equitable interest, title confirmed to plaintiffs, default judgment against defendant.

Samuel Curtis Campbell vs Theresa G. Campbell, divorce granted, property settlement filed.

Department of Human Services State of Mississippi vs Steve W. Berry, paternity determined; child support ordered, withholding ordered.

Ruth S. Redding vs heirs at law of James S. Redding, deceased, heirs determined, property placed in their possession.

Wade McNary vs Morris R. McCarthy, Jerlean Chatar McCarthy, and any and all persons having or claiming to have an interest either legal or equitable in the property described in the complaint, tax sale validated, plaintiff declared property owner.

The estate of Marshall Joel Hough Jr., deceased, will admitted for probate.

The estate of Lawrence A. Bell, final accounting approved.

The estate of Fada Kathleen Mynher Gilmore aka Fada Mynher Munier, deceased, will admitted to probate.

John L. Gohres, John L. Gohres Jr., and Robert J. Gohres vs Albert S. Kleinpeter III and Sharon P. Kleinpeter, case dismissed.

Cindy Weinberg Tanguis vs Alex Henry Tanguis Jr., request for new trial denied.

The estate of Harold Lloyd McElveen Sr., final accounting approved.

The estate of Juanita Roth Larson, deceased, final accounting approved.

The estate of Joseph Salvadore Marino Sr., deceased, final accounting approved.

The estate of Vincent P. Moreci, deceased, final accounting approved.

Rebecca Deschamp vs Cynthia A. Hicks and Jamie M. George, child custody, support ordered.

The estate of Mary Di-Benedetto Benjamin, deceased, final accounting approved.

Angel Verdin Edkins vs Shane Edkins, divorce granted, child custody, support, property settlements filed.

Doris Bentz Miller Estrade, Larry Henry Miller, heirs adjudicated.

The estate of Alice Agnel Stiglet, deceased, will admitted to probate.

Anna Louise Ladner vs John V. Ladner, defendant's motion to dismiss denied, plaintiff's

motion to amend complaint denied, defendant's motion to release funds denied, transferred to Circuit Court.

State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company vs Estate of Wiley Xavier Cole, interplead funds released.

Robert Wesley Gould vs Agnes Carter Gould, divorce granted, child custody, support agreements filed.

The estate of Norma Ida Post, deceased, will admitted to probate.

The estate of Patsy Jenkins, deceased, claim settled.

Eaton and Cottrell, P.A. and J. P. Compretta vs Patricia Willis, all claims dismissed, final judgment ordered.

The estate of Gloria L. Hoffman, deceased, will admitted to probate.

The estate of Ben McCreary, deceased, authority to sell real estate ordered.

Department of Human Services State of Mississippi vs Willie O. Downey, defendant found \$7,254 in arrears of child support, withholding ordered.

Department of Human Services State of Mississippi vs Lonnie B. Reeves, defendant found \$5,444 in arrears of child support, withholding ordered.

Department of Human Services State of Mississippi vs Herbert E. Carver, defendant found \$6,600 in arrears of child support, withholding ordered.

Department of Human Services State of Mississippi vs Rosemond Ward, defendant found \$2,396.50 in arrears of child support, withholding ordered.

Department of Human Services State of Mississippi vs Marvin W. Peterson, Capias issued ordered on defendant; defendant to be incarcerated until child support paid.

Department of Human Services State of Mississippi vs Mervin W. Peterson, Capias issued ordered on defendant; defendant to be incarcerated until child support paid.

Department of Human Services State of Mississippi vs Tony L. Carr, defendant found \$8,165.89 in arrears of child support, ordered incarcerated, withholding ordered.

Department of Human Services State of Mississippi vs Russell M. Williams, defendant found \$3,476.47 in arrears of child support, withholding ordered.

The estate of Irvine J. Levi Jr., deceased, will admitted to probate.

Department of Human Services State of Mississippi vs Clarence H. Hall Jr., defendant found in arrears of child support, withholding ordered.

The estate of Deborah G. Chisolm, deceased, final accounting approved.

Department of Human Services State of Mississippi vs Dale Paige, child support ordered.

Mary Duplantis Schmidt vs Henry R. Schmidt Jr., divorce granted, child custody, support, property settlements filed.

Department of Human Services State of Mississippi vs Vicki Wasson, child support ordered.

Department of Human Services State of Mississippi vs William Dillard Sr., paternity determined, child support ordered.

Booth, Chianti L., simple assault; disturbing the peace, 3 months suspended, 2 years probation.

Galloway, Kelly, simple assault, not guilty, state failed, affiant not in court.

Higdon, Sandra A., bad check, fined \$150.50 plus restitution.

Jones, Bennie, W. Jr., public drunk/profanity, defendant posted a cash bond of \$100. Defendant failed to appear, cash bond forfeited.

Lambert, Laurie G., public drunk/profanity, fined \$150.50.

Lymuel, Erica L., simple assault; disturbing the peace, 3 months suspended, 2 years probation.

McPhearson, Thomas C., simple assault, 6 months suspended, 2

years probation.

Perniciaro, Joseph R. Jr., disturbing the peace, affiant failed to prosecute.

Perniciaro, Joseph R. Sr., disturbing the peace, affiant failed to prosecute.

Rauch, Steve F., public drunk/profanity, fined \$150.50.

Shiyou, Adam J., bad check, fined \$150.50 and restitution.

Spiers, Joseph H. Jr., simple assault, state failed to prosecute.

Warren, David C., contributing to delinquency of minor, issue warrant.

Harris, Bridget R., contempt of court: failure to appear, three counts, fined \$150.50 three times.

Johnson, Richard M., contempt of court: failure to pay fine, two counts, 30 days suspended.

Jones, Don, contempt of court: failure to appear, three counts, issue warrant.

Ladner, Russell C., contempt of court: failure to pay fine, 2 days suspended.

Rosson, Robert, contempt of court: failure to pay fine, fined \$150.50.

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Stieffel, Michelle, child restrained, failed to appear.

Strong, Hardid, expired/improper/no driver license, failed to appear.

Thomas, Linda, speeding, fined \$101.

Treadway, Harry, DUI 1st offense; careless driving; driving with suspended license, time served.

Treat, Ronnie, DUI 1st offense, fined \$902.

Veglia, Jacque, speeding, failed to appear.

Warren, David, driving on suspended license; improper equipment/no safety helmet; speeding, issue warrant.

Wilkinson, Charles, improper equipment, headlight fixed, not guilty.

Wilson, Tammy, expired/improper/no driver license, issue warrant.

Angle, Kristi J., bad check, fined \$150.50, \$100 suspended.

Blakely, Patrick L., possession of paraphernalia, issue warrant.

Blanchard, Michael P., simple assault, 6 months suspended, 2 years probation.

Booth, Chianti L., simple assault; disturbing the peace, 3 months suspended, 2 years probation.

Galloway, Kelly, simple assault, not guilty, state failed, affiant not in court.

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Royal, noted for his showmanship and distinctive voice, has released over 13 albums from 1965 to 1992 which include such hits as "Down In The Boondocks," "Tell It Like It Is" and "Out Of Sight and On My Mind."

At the age of 11, Royal was appearing on his uncle's radio show in his native Georgia. By 14 he appeared as a regular on the Georgia Jubilee with the likes of Ray Stevens, Jerry Reed, Freddy Weller and regular guest stars from the Grand Ole Opry.

Then came the period he still credits with giving him much of his vocal mastery and his stage flair — club work in Savannah with some of R & B's hottest artists.

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## Favre, Sanders share MVP award

Associated Press

This one cannot be settled on the field.

Barry Sanders, the NFL's co-MVP with Green Bay's Brett Favre, was knocked out of the playoffs on Sunday when the Detroit Lions lost to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers 20-10.

So, the Packers' Jan. 4 playoff game at Lambeau Field will be a Battle of the Bays instead of a dual between the first co-MVPs in 37 years.

Sanders, the third player ever to rush for more than 2,000 yards in a season, had only 65 on 18 carries Sunday, the first time since Tampa Bay held him to 20 yards in Week 2 that he didn't gain at least 100.

So, Sanders will have to be satisfied with sharing the MVP award, a tie that neither player seemed to mind.

"The more I've thought about it, the more excited I am

about it," said Favre, the Packers' quarterback. "Sure, I'd like to win it outright. But I can't complain. I'm sharing it with probably the best running back ever to play the game. I'm not going to argue with that."

The deadlock didn't diminish the award, Favre said. In fact, he called the draw poetic justice.

"Barry's team hasn't been record-wise, as good as we have. But yeah, I think it would have been a shame for either one of us not to win it with the years we've had," said Favre, who became the first passer to throw 30 or more touchdowns in four consecutive seasons while leading the Packers (13-3) back into the playoffs to defend their Super Bowl title.

Sanders, who carried the Lions (9-8) into the playoffs,

was similarly satisfied with the first MVP tie since Philadelphia quarterback Norm Van Brocklin and Detroit linebacker Joe Schmidt shared the award in 1960.

"I guess it puts me in elite company," Sanders, who set a league record with 14 straight games of more than 100 yards rushing, said before the Lions were knocked out of the playoffs.

I'm glad he let me share it with him this year, because the last couple he's taken it for himself."

It was the first MVP for Sanders, an unprecedented third for Favre, who said the latest award was his most satisfying.

"I can't believe a little country kid like me has won it three times. No one has ever done it before. Considering

where I came from and how hard it was to get here, it's everything I thought it would be and then some," said Favre, who has overcome a car accident in college and an addiction to painkillers to etch his place in history as one of the finest quarterbacks the NFL has known.

"The scary thing is he's not done," Packers receiver Antonio Freeman said. "He's still in mid-stride."

Sort of like Sanders, who only gets better just when you think he couldn't top himself again.

Besides their extraordinary talent and work ethic, what separates Favre and Sanders from their contemporaries is their uncanny ability to turn broken plays into big ones, to drop jaws with stunning regularity.

You might stop Barry 10 times in a row, but you can't shut him out," Favre said. "As soon as you say, 'Well, we got him,' he gets away. He's a great player and you can't hold a great player down for long."

The admiration is mutual.

"He reminds me a lot of Michael Jordan," Sanders said. "No matter how successful he's been, he's still always the most competitive person on the field. Outside of his incredible talent and everything, he's always just really competitive."

Even Favre's teammates couldn't argue against the tie between the best quarterback and running back in the game today.

"Both of those guys are all-world," said Packers free safety Eugene Robinson. "Dude had 2,000 yards. Barry Sanders, the most prolific running back in history.

He's the bomb, too. Both are deserving. I'm glad it kind of worked out that way."

"I think it's wonderful," Packers strong safety LeRoy Butler said, "because both of them had wonderful years."

Only, Sanders' season ended Sunday, a week shy of an MVP showdown.

## Pack begins playoff march

Associated Press

It's playoff time at Lambeau Field and Brett Favre is smiling. So are the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, despite their dismal cold weather record.

The Bucs, who earned a taste of Wisconsin's winter by winning their first playoff game since 1979 on Sunday, have never won in temperatures colder than 42 degrees, and Favre has never lost when game time temperatures are 35 degrees or colder.

The average high in Green Bay for Jan. 4, when the NFC Central foes will meet in a divisional playoff? Twenty-three degrees, according to the National Weather Service. And the average low is 7.

The forecast this week calls for temperatures in the 20s, although it's too soon to say if

any precipitation is in the offing for the weekend.

The Green Bay Packers insisted all along they didn't care who their first playoff opponent would be.

"It doesn't matter," defensive end Reggie White said. "We're playing at Lambeau, so that's the only thing that matters."

Still, you've got to believe White and his teammates were smiling Sunday night when the Buccaneers beat the Detroit Lions and Barry Sanders, who shared this year's MVP award with Favre.

Detroit was one of three teams to beat the Packers this season, although Green Bay later avenged that loss.

The Bucs have never met the Packers in the postseason, so they've never felt the nega-

tive wind chill that frosts Lambeau Field in January.

Favre is quite used to it.

The three-time MVP is unbeaten in 22 cold-weather games at Lambeau Field, including three times this season.

Of course, the Packers have never lost a home playoff game in nine tries and have won 26 straight at Lambeau, where they're 36-1 since October 1993.

The defending Super Bowl champions swept the upstart Buccaneers this season, 21-16 at Lambeau on Oct. 5 and 17-6 at Tampa Bay on Dec. 7.

After Green Bay's victory at Tampa Bay, Packers strong safety LeRoy Butler said the Bucs were better than the San Francisco 49ers and the Minnesota Vikings, teams who face each other in the other divisional playoff.

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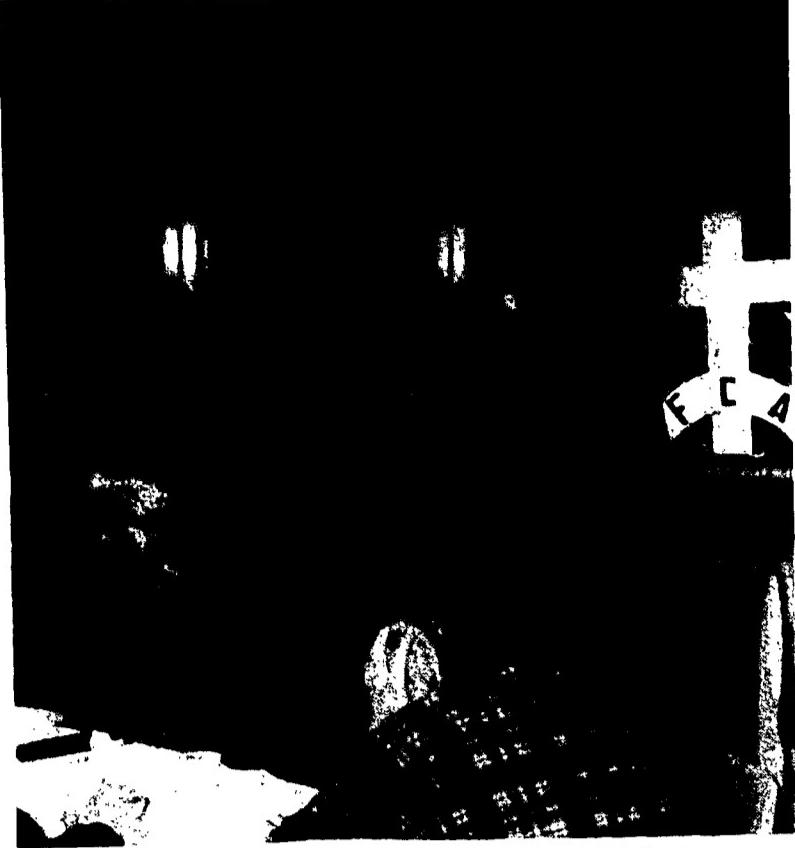
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**Fr. Carver inspires SSC's athletes**

Fr. Dennis Carver, pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Dedeaux and 1970 graduate of St. Stanislaus, visited St. Stanislaus to speak to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Dec. 4. "The strategy of competition is collaboration," said Fr. Carver at the motivational breakfast with the FCA group. "An athlete's ultimate goal is to win through working together with one another with a mutual recognition of dignity." The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is a group of students who take part in athletics and who appreciate the meaning of Jesus in their lives. The organization fosters good sportsmanship and Christian values in athletics.

## Peyton Manning practices; expected to play in Orange

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tennessee quarterback Peyton Manning, recovering from a knee injury, took the majority of snaps in practice Sunday and said he expects to

play in the Orange Bowl against Nebraska.

"Peyton is a day better," coach Phillip Fulmer said after the Volunteers' second workout in Miami. "But we are still having to be cautious with the things he does."

Manning's right knee remained sore and stiff, but he said it was continuing to improve. The senior spent six days in the hospital after rupturing a sac in his knee Dec. 6 in the Southeastern Conference Championship Game against Auburn.

"I feel like it will improve hopefully throughout the week and I can gain more confidence in it as it loosens up a little bit more," Manning said before Sunday's workout. "On Saturday it felt better than I thought it would going out there for the first time in cleats and planting on it and sprinting out a little bit. I was pleased with my progress."

Second-ranked Nebraska hopes to overtake No. 1 Michigan in the final rankings, and Cornhuskers coach Tom Osborne said his team wants to play the Volunteers at full strength Friday night.

"It would probably be better for us if Peyton Manning could play," Osborne said. "It sounds like a crazy thing to say, but for us to do well nationally, we need to play Tennessee at Tennessee's best."

"I'm sure we might have a better chance to win if he didn't play, but even that is iffy."

Manning's backup, sophomore Tee Martin, poses a threat as a runner but threw just 12 passes this season. Manning has started 44 consecutive games.

## Few waterfowl spotted

Where are the ducks? That's what state waterfowl experts want to know, according to the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

Biologists got a clearer view of Mississippi's waterfowl picture recently after flying a portion of the annual Mid-Winter Waterfowl Survey.

Biologists who made the flights between Dec. 12 and 15 say habitat conditions are somewhat poor due to a lack of available water.

"We did notice one thing," said biologist Don Brazil of Vicksburg. "Those areas where surface water is abundant are where concerned hunters have flooded fields early and have prepared for migrating waterfowl."

The waterfowl season has been opened statewide since Nov. 22, and the harvest across Mississippi has been low. Brazil said if habitat and climatic conditions improve, larger numbers of ducks and geese are expected in January.

Brazil said overall waterfowl populations in the Delta are low, but this is about typical for this time of year.

Through the day-long flights, biologists spotted moderate populations of ducks and geese in isolated pockets of available water.

Brazil said the greatest numbers of ducks found on the survey were located southwest of Cleveland and in the Crowder area.

"Birds in these areas were largely mallard, gadwall, pintail and green-winged teal," Brazil said.

The Mid-Winter Waterfowl Survey is flown annually by conservation agencies across the United States. Results are turned over to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The next waterfowl flights will be made by DWFP biologists during the first week in January.

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USA-TV's Tuesday Night Fights promoter Murad Muhammad and event coordinator Leslie Bonano have teamed up to present a night of boxing entertainment to showcase the New Magical Entertainment Complex Tuesday, Jan. 6 at 7 p.m.

Featured is a 12-round Cruiserweight war between Arthur "King Arthur" Williams (27-4-1, 20 KOs) fighting out of the Roy Jones Stable in Pensacola, Fla., and Aldolpho Washington (26-4-2, 15 KOs), who hails from West Monroe La.

Williams is the current USBA Cruiserweight champion and is ranked No. 2 by the IBF.

Washington is the former IBF and IBO Cruiserweight champion. This 12-round elimination bout is for the mandatory No. 1 IBF Cruiserweight rating. The winner will go on to challenge for the IBF belt currently held by Imam Mayfield.

Of considerable interest to fight fans from the New Orleans area is the co-feature bout, a 10-round matchup between local Orin "007" Osby (16-1-0, 7 KOs) and NABF and IBC Junior Middleweight Champion Renford (Tony) Marshall (26-7-6, 9 KOs) from Albany, N.Y.

Osby, who impressively defeated world class fighter Ronnie Johnson by unanimous decision in September, has won his last 12 bouts in a row, and he is ranked No. 5 by the NABF and number 12 by the USBA.

Marshall has come on strong in the past two years of his career after being on the short end of several controversial decisions from 1993 to 1995.

Also fighting on the undercard will be two up and coming young stars from the Roy Jones Stable — Heavyweight Gave "Big G" Brown, who will be slugging it out with Ronnie "The Bear" Smith from Longview, Texas, and Kreyon Bussey, whose opponent will be named shortly.

Cynthia Prouder will battle Sonya Emroy in a 4-round women's bout, and several other young boxers from the New Orleans and Mobile area will round out the card.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. For tickets, call 800-5-MAGIC-5, ext. 4535 (Casino Magic Gift Shop).

## Dameworth signs

The Mississippi Sea Wolves announced defenseman Chad Dameworth has been recalled by the Orlando Solar Bears of the International Hockey League.

Dameworth was assigned to the Sea Wolves Oct. 23 by Orlando. Then Orlando loaned Dameworth to the Springfield Falcons of the American Hockey League where he joins teammate Quinn Fair.

Dameworth has played 15 games for the Sea Wolves accumulating a total of 5 points and is a plus four.

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## Community Pride Award

Marlin Torguson, left, Casino Magic chairman of the board, accepts the chamber's Community Pride Award from Jon E. Ritten, president of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce. The chamber's annual Christmas banquet and installation of officers was held at the Our Lady of the Gulf Community Center.

## Magic receives Chamber's Community Pride Award

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce recently recognized Casino Magic Bay St. Louis as its 1997 Community Pride Award winner.

"Casino Magic led the way for the development of a new industry in Hancock County and has proven to be an excellent neighbor," said 1997 Chamber President Dr. Frank Conaway.

Casino Magic has supported a wide variety of community projects for organizations such as Hope Haven's Children's Home. The Coast Private Industry Council, Hancock Medical Center and its management have served on several committees of the Chamber and other community organizations.

"We're dedicated to improving the quality of life in the community in which we work and live," said Joe Billheimer, general manager of Casino Magic Bay St. Louis.

Employees participated in the Christmas in April home refurbishing project, the city's Christmas Parade and the 1997 Memory Walk for the Alzheimer's Association. In addition, the Bay St. Louis casino sponsored the American Cancer Society's Red Bens & Rice Cook-off, spon-

sored a youth summer work program, and is the only casino to have held monthly charity tournaments for organizations such as the Hancock County Food Pantry, Hope Haven and the Waveland Animal Shelter. The list seems never-ending.

Perhaps that dedication is one reason why the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce chose to award the Community Pride Award to Casino Magic.

The award recognizes a business in Hancock County that has demonstrated a continued commitment to community service, community development and community beautification.

Accepting on behalf of Casino Magic was founder and Casino Magic Corporation's chairman of the board, Marlin F. Torguson.

The Chamber gave its Citizen of the Year Award to Donald Wright Diboll of Bay St. Louis.

Casino Magic Corp., with principal offices in Bay St. Louis, operates gaming casinos through subsidiaries in Bay St. Louis and Biloxi, Bossier City, La., and Neuquen and San Martin de los Andes, Argentina.

## State's poultry business tops \$1.4 billion in value

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State poultry producers saw record broiler and egg production with 1997 values up 6 percent to more than \$1.43 billion.

Wallace Morgan, head of Mississippi State University's poultry department, said the state's poultry industry has grown steadily for the last 10 years. Mississippi now ranks No. 4 nationally in broiler production.

"Domestic consumption continues to increase, our exports have been growing very rapidly and Mississippi

has been a favored state for growth," Morgan said.

With Texas leading in growth rate, Mississippi has the second fastest growing poultry industry. The state has the needed business infrastructure to support the industry and is geographically well-located.

"The ports at Gulfport and Pascagoula export 25 percent of all the poultry in the United States," Morgan said. "Gulfport is the largest port in the nation for exporting poultry with 49 percent of its tonnage being chicken."

This year, average live weight of Mississippi broilers was 4.6 pounds, the same as last year. With 675 million birds grown, Mississippi produced 3.1 billion pounds of broilers with a production cost of 38 cents a pound.

"In the last 10 years, Mississippi has doubled the number of chickens grown, and we've more than doubled the pounds produced because we're growing a bigger chicken," Morgan said.

Morgan projected the recent intense growth rate cannot be sustained indefinitely. All but one of Mississippi's processing plants are working double shifts and until another

plant is built, there is very little remaining processing capacity.

"That growth may also slow due to little softer demand from the Asian market," Morgan said. "This may not lead to a decrease, but growth will probably slow based on the decrease in exports."

Mike McAlpin, president of the Mississippi Poultry Association, said 1997 was good to farmers, but tough for companies for the second consecutive year.

"Last year, it was lean because grain prices went so high," McAlpin said. "The law of supply and demand caught up with us this year, and we are 10 cents a pound behind last year."

This problem was caused by oversupplied markets and export problems with the former Soviet Union and some other countries.

Profitability in the industry depends on production costs and how well markets are developed, Morgan said.

"Mississippi companies are competitive nationwide and farmers are doing real well," Morgan said. "But production and marketing costs have limited the amount of money companies are making."

## Imperial Palace opens in Biloxi

The Imperial Palace Biloxi opened its 70,000-square-foot casino late Tuesday afternoon.

The three-story floating casino features 24-hour gaming action with more than 1,600 slot machines from 5 cents to \$100, video poker, 64 table games, blackjack, craps, poker room and more.

Three specialty restaurants are located on the second floor of the casino. The Emperor's Buffet offers a casual setting for breakfast, lunch and dinner, serving a great selection of fresh salads, fresh fruits, soups, juices, tasty entrees, desserts and coffee.

Embers steakhouse has an intimate environment where succulent steak, prime rib, lamb, veal and seafood dishes turn a meal into a dining experience.

The 24-hour Burger Palace is the quick-stop shop for tasty hamburgers, chicken and fish sandwiches, fries, salads, soft drinks and more.

The land-based hotel tower will be available for occupancy soon. All rooms will feature air-

conditioning control, 24-hour room service and on-demand movie rentals from a state-of-the-art in-room video system. Non-smoking and handicapped rooms will also be available.

On the second floor of the 12-story parking facility will be the display of history on wheels, the Imperial Palace Antique and Classic Auto Collection, premiering in January.

More than 100 rare, antique and special interest vehicles will be on display daily in the Biloxi branch of the world famous collection, including vehicles previously owned by Al Capone, Bruce Lee, Arthur Godfrey, W. C. Fields, Elvis Presley and one of the original Batmobiles from the 60's TV series starring Adam West.

Visitors will be welcome in the gallery-like setting from 9 a.m.-11 p.m. daily, \$6.95 for adults, \$3 for seniors and children 12 and under.

For casino information, call (228) 436-3000 or (800) 436-3000. For room reservations, call (800) 643-6441.

## Wheeler earns certification

Hank Wheeler of Fenton recently earned certification as a Healthcare Safety Professional. In order to become certified, he had to meet education requirements and pass an examination on the areas of patient safety, Occupational, Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) regulations and standards, emergency

management, employee safety and facilities.

He will be listed as an HSP Diplomate in the Directory of Certified Healthcare Safety Professionals.

As Hancock Medical Center's facilities service director, he supervises the maintenance, biomedical engineering and housekeeping departments and serves as the hospital's safety officer.

## Cellular South completes new tower in Pass Christian

Cellular South officials have announced the completion of a new cellular communications tower on the Mississippi Gulf Coast that will provide improved cellular coverage in Pass Christian and the surrounding area.

The site, which is located in Industrial Park on Pearson Street, will provide enhanced hand-held coverage on Hwy. 90

and the Henderson Point area.

"For the second time in less than a month, we have enhanced our cellular system network so that our customers will have even better coverage on the Gulf Coast. With the addition of our new tower at Pass Christian, this is the 10th tower we've turned on in south Mississippi in 1997," said Jim Richmond, Gulf Coast area manager.

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## Troop 208 places third

Boy Scout Troop 208, sponsored by the American Legion Post 139, recently participated in the Boy Scouts of America Cypress District Fall Camporee held at Camp Salmen. The troop entered one patrol in the competition, which consisted of 12 other patrols from 10 different troops from Slidell and Hancock County areas. The activities included riflery, archery, fire starting, campsite setup and inspection, tomahawk throwing, first aid, knot tying and meal preparation. The troop placed third in the overall competition with a score of 1035 out of a possible 1200 points with the first and second place troops scoring 1060 and 1040 respectively. Seven Scouts from Troop 208 participated in the weekend event. The Scouts were Michael Babb, patrol leader; Chris Clayton Sr., patrol leader; David Clayton; Joshua Dear, assistant patrol leader; Matthew Hardman, James Lockard and Earl Richard. Each Scout received an emergency blanket, to be used in their personal survival kits, as a reward for their achievement. The troop meets every Monday night. For information on troop activities or joining the Boy Scouts, contact Larry Clayton at 467-7868. Pictured from left are David Clayton, Chris Clayton, Hardman, Babb, Richard, Lockard and Dear.

## Smith wins VFW competition



## VFW scholarship

Blake Smith, right, of Hancock County receives a savings bond from Commander Michael R. Schaefer of the Diamondhead Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 2880, after winning the local, "Voice of Democracy Scholarship Competition." Smith will compete at the state level of the contest where he could win up to a \$20,000 scholarship for first place.

## Hancock Elem. students place in art contest

Monday, Dec. 6, the Hancock County School Lunch Program held judging of "Creating Healthy Tomorrow's" art contest entries.

In category K-4, first place winner was Richard (Trey) Swanson, fourth grader at Hancock North Central Elementary.

Second place went to Krikkit Diaz, fourth grader at Charles B. Murphy Elementary, and third place winner was Lacey Hebert, fourth grader at Gulfview Elementary.

In category 5-8, first place

winner was Michael Payton, sixth grader at Charles B. Murphy Elementary, and second place went to Jarid Sorrow, sixth grader at Hancock North Central Elementary. Third place went to Jessica Seay, fifth grader at Gulfview Elementary.

Each of these students competed Dec. 15 in the Mississippi School Food Service Association state contest at Casino Magic Inn, Bay St. Louis. Winners will be eligible for competition in the American School Food Service Association national contest in January.



## OLA Pepsi Students of the Month

Our Lady Academy chose the following students for Pepsi Student of the Month awards for November. The students are chosen by the faculty for academics, character, school spirit, sports activities or service. They are, from left, Meredith Quisian, senior; Lauren Hansell, sophomore; Shay Coss, junior; Michelle Lady, seventh grade; Colleen Bartholomew, eighth grade; and Rachael Dauro, freshman.

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Substituted Trustee's Notice of Sale

WHEREAS, on April 7, 1993, John M. Powers and wife, John L. Powers, executed a deed of trust to Carl Ingram, Trustee for the benefit of First Guaranty Savings and Loan Association, Inc., which deed of trust is recorded in Deed of Trust Book 251 at Page 773 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of the County of Hancock, Mississippi;

WHEREAS, said deed of trust was subsequently assigned to Dr. Warren G. Booker, Jr. and Dorothy R. Booker; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid deed of trust was assigned to Southern Federal Savings and Loan Assoc., by instrument dated April 19, 1983, and recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 253 at Page 2; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid deed of trust was assigned to Colonial Mortgage Company, by instrument dated April 30, 1986, and recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 29 at Page 223; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid Colonial Mortgage Company, the holder of said deed of trust and the note secured thereby, substituted John C. Underwood, Jr. as Substituted Trustee in said deed of trust, by instrument dated November 13, 1990 and recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 346 at Page 96; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby, having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust and the note secured thereby, Colonial Mortgage Company, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust for the purpose of raising the sum due thereunder, together with attorney's fees. Substituted Trustee's fees and expenses of sale.

Substituted Trustee in said deed of trust, will on the 6th day of January, 1998, offer for sale at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder, and sell within legal hours (between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.) at the Main Front door of the County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, County of Hancock, State of Mississippi, the following described real property located in the County of Hancock, State of Mississippi, to wit:

Land situated in the NE corner of Block 52 of the Bay St. Louis Land and Improvement Company's Subdivision of the Bay St. Louis Land and Improvement Company, File Addition to the City of Bay St. Louis and Waveland, Mississippi, being a tract of land containing 0.96 acres, a distance of 135 feet from the Southwesterly corner, a distance of 144 feet to a point; thence South 89 degrees 50' East a distance of 135 feet to a point; thence North 4 degrees 36' East a distance of 144 feet to the place of beginning; being part of Lot 15 and all of Lots 16 thru 20, inclusive, Block 52, of the Bay St. Louis Land and Improvement Company, File Addition to the City of Bay St. Louis and Waveland, Mississippi, being a tract of land containing 0.96 acres, a distance of 144 feet to a point; thence South 89 degrees 50' East a distance of 135 feet to a point; thence North 4 degrees 36' East a distance of 144 feet to the place of beginning; being part of Lot 15 and all of Lots 16 thru 20, inclusive, Block 52, of the Bay St. Louis Land and Improvement Company, File Addition to the City of Bay St. Louis and Waveland, Mississippi, being a tract of land containing 0.96 acres, a distance of 144



**Pass**

More than \$425,000 in state Tidelands monies has been used for several improvements to the Municipal Harbor to shore up piers and to pave parking lots and provide an access road to the Yacht Club. The city has just received another \$300,000 in Tidelands funds, which will be used to shore up the east wall of the harbor and continue progress there.

Several large construction ventures also bode well for the local economy. After years of neglect and deterioration, investors purchased the vacant Sunflower Winn-Dixie Shopping Center fronting on Hwy. 90 that was an eyesore to motorists at the eastern end of city limits.

Plans call for construction in phases of more than 200 condominium units, with a clubhouse, tennis courts, a spa and swimming pools, and demolition crews are already on site. The Beach View Resort will market the condos at an average price of \$125,000.

Already completed and being sold a few blocks west of those condos are the Gulf Palm Villas, where units are selling for an average \$145,000. Developer Joe Mortimer and partners have also purchased a parcel on North Street and will divide it into 81 lots for single-family homes in the \$80,000 range.

Almost directly across the road on North Street about a half mile off Menge Avenue,

construction is well underway on the 100-unit Oak Villa Apartments. The \$5 million development will offer two- and three-bedroom units on an oak-shaded 7.5 acre site fronting Johnson Bayou and leasing of the rental units will begin soon.

Further up Menge Avenue, about one-and-a-half miles north of U.S. 90, work has begun on the Villas at Audubon Oaks and an adjacent racketball and swim club. Developer Mike Milliken announced there will be 20 condo units built on the site, along with eight clay tennis courts. Pre-construction price is running about \$60,000 for a furnished one-bedroom unit.

McDonald revealed another developer has purchased a site on Demourelle Road off Menge Avenue to develop 42 single-family homes. The Emerald Oaks Estates subdivision will feature subsurface drainage and underground utilities, and houses will be in the range of \$150,000 to \$250,000, he said.

The jewel in downtown restoration is the recently opened, "The Exchange Building," formerly the historic Heritage Building, which sat idle for several years.

The husband-wife team of Walter Ketchings and Carleen Alfonso plan a total investment of \$2 million. Workers have already shored up and restored the facade of the building and

completely gutted the interior. Alfonso's Coldwell Banker real estate agency is occupying the first floor, along with an antique shop. Three luxury apartments have been created on the second floor, and work will begin soon on construction of six garden homes that will overlook a patio in the rear of the main building.

Last year, Pass Christian also managed to demolish 28 vacant and deteriorating public housing units facing North Street. Developers hope to preserve some units left standing, and build others for moderate income families.

Possibly the largest expenditure facing city government in the coming year will be restoration of two elevated water tanks, McDonald said. Engineering estimates are the repairs should cost about \$400,000, and the city will seek state revolving loan funds for the project.

Ground was also broken in December for a major state highway department project, just outside Pass Christian. Boh Brothers Construction Co. of New Orleans was awarded a \$10.6 million contract to straighten out the dangerous curve on Hwy. 90 at Henderson Point, known as the "devil's elbow," and build a new four-lane bridge elevated over the railroad tracks. The project is expected to take two years to complete.

**Bay**

During the year, City Council agreed to pass a \$5.5 million general obligation bond issue for drainage, street and sidewalk improvements, and another \$5.5 million revenue bond issue for repair and expansion of sewer, water and gas lines. That sent conceptual plans to the drafting table and appraisers and attorneys to the negotiating table.

In their last meeting of 1997, City Council was told that bids for one phase of the drainage project had come in slightly under estimate: \$1,059,000. Council likely will approve that bid at its first meeting in January, launching what will be a series of construction contracts that will dominate council business during the year.

The drainage project, says Mayor Eddie Favre, has consumed "a tremendous amount of time and effort" on the part of city staffers during the year. One major roadblock to the beginning of construction was resistance from CSX Railroad to easements necessary for the project to begin. A major clash between the city and rail company developed when

CSX insisted the city close several rail crossings in the city. Favre and council refused to do so, saying the crossings were an entirely separate issue.

As 1997 drew to a close, however, CSX agreed with the city's position, and suggested the amount of easement values be determined in the court system, while the project proceeds. Two other segments of the drainage program are in the design and negotiation stages.

As those projects come to the bidding stage early in 1998, city officials also hope to see construction begin on replacement of the Ulman Street pier, and on an extensive bike and pedestrian pathway throughout the city.

But aside from bricks and mortar, the city saw some other changes developing during the past year. A municipal election in June gave Favre his third term in office, and two incumbent council members lost their seats when Carleen Murphy Moran and Connie Payne Lamplrey were elected to Ward 1 and Ward 3 seats, respectively.

In mid-year, Favre announced

some readjustments to the workings within city departments, including a shift to a more community oriented Police Department. That effort, which will cause increased foot patrols and a more visible police presence, will be evident soon, said Favre. The city has received a grant of over \$70,000 to use for training along those lines.

Meanwhile, the city's Fire Department gained a new full-time chief, and other duties for manpower and fire prevention were divided between two assistant chiefs. Training has been beefed up under a new training officer, and the city has added a total of three additional personnel to the department.

Other new duties have been assigned to the Recreation/Cultural Division, which is to transform the previously summer-oriented recreation program into what Favre says will be a full-time, year-round diverse program for area citizens.

Citizens should see the impact in 1998 of intensive planning and preparations that dominated 1997, said Favre.

**HMC**

tensive care unit will be carefully monitored by the nursing staff.

The existing obstetrical unit will be converted to a same-day surgery facility to provide convenient and affordable surgical services. A special surgical waiting area has also been planned for the comfort of families of patients undergoing outpatient surgery.

Tilley construction and Engineers Inc. of Gulfport is contractor for the project.

**Medical Staff Grows**

The active and consulting medical staffs grew to more than 90 physicians in the past year. Naumann Siddiqi, MD, joined the internal medicine practice of Irene Koskan, MD last February. Cardiologist Lawrence J. Derbes, MD now has a Bay St. Louis office, while internal medicine specialist Charles A. Kergosien, MD joined the practice of James C. Crittenden, MD.

Dr. Richard F. Bennett joined the family practice of Bertin C. Chevis, MD, allowing the clinic to offer evening appointments. New co-director of the HMC emergency department is Jeffrey Giddens, MD who will serve with Sean Appleyard, MD. Other established local physicians plan to recruit partners in 1998 to accommodate the increased need for medical services.

**Outreach Clinic**  
Two clinics were opened in 1997 under the direction of HMC to make medical care more accessible to residents in the north and south ends of the county. The clinics are located in

specialty Clinic, located at 4410 Aloha Drive in Diamondhead offers appointments with six local physicians whose specialties include cardiology, ear, nose and throat, internal medicine, pediatrics and obstetrics/gynecology.

The Hancock Family Care Clinic is next to the U.S. Post Office on Hwy. 603 in Kiln.

**Occupational Medicine**

A panel of local industry leaders comprise a focus group that is helping to determine the occupational health needs of Hancock County employers. Needs identified include prompt treatment of on-the-job injuries and tracking of the employee's progress as he receives medical treatment prior to his return to work.

HMC is in the process of hiring an occupational health coordinator to serve as a liaison between the employer/employee and health care provider.

The hospital's Rehab Department (formerly Physical Therapy), staffed by Rehab One of Diamondhead, now offers occupational therapy to facilitate the employee's appropriate therapy for a prompt return to duty.

**Computerized Charting**

It was a year of change for the nursing staff, with the activation of a computerized charting system. The "Chart Cart" system allows nurses to enter medical information on a personal computer atop a movable cart at the patient's bedside. The communication flow is streamlined in processes such as lab tests, whose orders are sent electronically to the lab and the test re-

sults entered and received by computer.

**Other Improvements**

Lithotripsy services became available and surgical equipment added included a holmium laser and laparoscopic instruments. A satellite system was installed to provide in-room patient education programs and offer continuing education classes for employees.

The hospital's waste incinerator was replaced by an autoclave sterilizer, producing a more environmentally sound waste disposal system.

**Sewerage**

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and revenues from customers will be used to pay down the loan.

Rep. Gene Taylor's Gulfport office also announced the award.

There is no doubt that this announcement is definitely good news for all Hancock County residents," said Taylor, who said he personally lobbied Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman for the funding.

"The Wastewater Commissioners from district 1 deserve a lot of credit for this too. I know they have been working hard to get this grant," said Taylor.

The District is also awaiting word on an application it has filed seeking a state revolving loan to extend sewerage into the Clermont Harbor and Lakeshore areas.

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